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(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials and petitions from responsible people as to the strained relationship between the Nattars and Adi-Dravidas in the Ramnad district during the past four months; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action on these representations?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Two petitions were received from certain persons on the subject and they were transferred to the District Magistrate of Ramnad for such action as he might consider necessary.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member when these petitions were received and when they were forwarded to the District Magistrate of Ramnad? "

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I think one was received in February and the other in June."

Police

Result of the investigation by the Police into the find of a pistol in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George.

* 108 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the result is of the investigation by the police into the find of the pistol in the premises of the Council Chamber of this Council some time back; and

(*b*) whether the ownership of the pistol has been traced to any person; if so, why no action has been taken against the said person till now?

A.—(*a*) No clue has been found.

(*b*) (i) No.

(ii) Does not arise.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" May I know the number of the pistol? "

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I am unable to answer it now."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" Is the hon. Home Member aware that every pistol has got a number? "

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information."

Apprehension of the culprits concerned in the revolver incident at the Council Chamber, Fort. St. George.

* 109 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the police have till now been able to trace out the culprit or culprits who placed a loaded revolver in the Governor's Box during the last session of the Council;

(*b*) what the steps are that have been taken by the police till now to find out the offenders; and

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(c) how far the police have been successful in their efforts?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 108.

(*b*) The Government do not propose to disclose the steps taken by the police in the matter.

Special treatment to Kallars with regard to appointments in the Police department.

* 110 *Q*.—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorials have been received either by the Government or by the Inspector-General of Police asking for special treatment being meted out to the members of the Kallar community with regard to the appointments and promotions in the Police department; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any special steps to encourage members of this community to join the Police service in large numbers?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Kallars are included among depressed classes for purposes of recruitment to the public service. The Government have intimated to the Inspector-General and the Commissioner of Police their desire that depressed classes should be recruited in large numbers to the lower ranks of the police force in accordance with the principle that all communities should, as far as possible, be represented in the public service. Beyond this no special steps have been taken to encourage Kallars to join the Police service.

Promotion of head constables as sub-inspectors of Police.

* 111 *Q*.—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a Government Order directing the appointment of 30 per cent of sub-inspectors of police from among the ranks of head constables in every district;

(*b*) in how many districts of this Presidency the principle embodied in the Government Order is adhered to;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that since 1929 no head constable was promoted to the rank of sub-inspector in the district of Tinnevelly;

(*d*) if so, why; and

(*e*) how many head constables are acting as sub-inspectors in Tinnevelly district at present?

A.—(*a*) Recruitment to the Madras Police Subordinate Service is now regulated by the Statutory Rules framed for that service and not by executive orders. Those rules provide that not more than 30 per cent of the cadre of Sub-Inspectors shall be filled by promotion from the ranks of head constables and reserve head constables including armourers.